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Pilot Dies In Plane Crash

James H. Montgomery of Newburgh, Indiana died in a plane crash Tuesday, July 16, at approximately 2:30 p.m. The accident occurred in the Black Mountain Range, north of Mt. Mitchell between Big Tom and Mt. Craig. According to Kermit Banks of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department, hikers heard the plane crash and called the N. C. Park Service who notified the Sheriff's Dept. Members of the Yancey County Rescue Squad, Radio Patrol, the Mt. Wilderness CAP, and Sheriff's Dept. drove to within about a mile and a half of the crash site and hiked in, recovering the body of the pilot. Mr. Montgomery, age 54, was a salesman for Dri-Print Folls, Inc., Indiana. The F.A.A. and National Transportation Safety Board conducted an investigation of the accident and found probable cause to be a rainstorm. Reports indicate that the pilot started to turn the plane to get out of the storm and flew into the mountain. On his return from the crash area, Sheriff Banks was notified that another plane was down. A young man flying an antique Great Lakes Biplane from Kansas City, Kansas to new owners in Lake Norman near Charlotte was forced to make an emergency landing due to a low ceiling in the mountains. He landed safely in Mack Silver's pasture on Bearwallow Road in Windom. The next morning, with the aid of the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Dept., who stopped traffic on Highway 19E in front of East Yancey High School, he took off to complete the remainder of his journey.

Schedule Set For School

Yancey County Schools will begin the 1974-75 school term when teachers report for a week of conferences and planning on August 11. Students will register at the schools between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19. School buses will make regular runs on this date. The 180 day school term will begin on Tuesday, August 20. School begins one day earlier than last year, but students will be given an extra holiday at the end of the nine-week grading period in October. At this time the teachers will have a work day for grades and reports. A day is also scheduled at this time as "Parents Day" as in the past when parents will be asked to visit the school to discuss their child's progress. A second parents day is planned in the spring at the end of the third nine-week grading period. There will be two holidays at Thanksgiving and Christmas vacation will be observed from December 23 through New Years Day.

YBA Youth Conference

The Yancey Baptist Association will sponsor a Youth Conference for ages 15-18 on July 29, 30, 31, and August 5 and 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church in Burnsville.

There will be Bible study, Music, recreation and discussion groups. All youth are invited to attend and to participate in the varied activities.

Traffic Detour Planned

During the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair on August 2 and 3, the south side of the Town Square will be closed to all vehicle traffic from the corner of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce building to the intersection at the corner of the new Courthouse, the hours of the closing being from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day. Permission for the closing has been secured from the State Highway Commission.



Certificates Given For Perfect Attendance

Awarding of Perfect Attendance Certificates climaxed the Food Fun Day Activities for youth enrolled in Extension's Food and Nutrition Education Program. Shown are members of the Bee Log group receiving certificates from Extension Program Aides, Nelle Johnson and Faye Storie. Food Fun Day Activities for youth 6-14 years of age were conducted June 24 through July 11 at Bald Creek.

Bee Log, Clearmont and South Toe Schools. Food Fun Activities was an educational effort of the Yancey County Extension staff to provide learning experiences for youth enrolled in EFNEP for developing and maintaining good health habits, in learning the relation of food to health and in developing skills in food preparation.

Notice

The 1974 Progress Edition of The Yancey Journal is scheduled for next Thursday, August 1, and will be sent to all boxholders in Yancey County. Any business or organization wishing to be included in this special issue, which has not already been contacted, should call the Journal advertising manager, Patsy Randolph, at 682-2120. Deadline is 12 o'clock noon Monday, July 29.

Barbecue Set

The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department will be having another of their famous roadside Chicken Barbecues on Saturday, July 27. Come by the Fire House and pick up a box for only \$2.00. The Firemen would like to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to all the people who help make these barbecues such a huge success.

Parkway Playhouse Presents O'Neill's 'Ah, Wilderness!'

By Cary Easley

If you're looking for the opportunity to indulge yourself in a bit of nostalgia, mingled with laughter and tenderness, then you should be all means see the Parkway Playhouse production of Eugene O'Neill's *Ah, Wilderness!* playing now through Saturday, July 27. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

The only comedy written by O'Neill is directed by Lauren K. Woods, better known to Parkway patrons as "Woody." He has brought together a cast and directed them in a production that indeed does justice to the recognized talents of the playwright. If you're an avid theatre-goer and you enjoyed last season's *Life With Father*, you'll enjoy *Ah, Wilderness!* even more. *Ah, Wilderness!* stands by itself--delightful, charming, nostalgic, funny, and in some spots so touching that you'll feel the tears welling up. Woods and his excellent cast leave no doubt in your mind that seeing this show is well worth your time.

Outstanding performances are numerous, but probably the most outstanding was by Jim Fisher, popular and highly versatile veteran of the company. Fisher, who all but caused a laugh riot in his role as the blundering Highwayman in *Tom Jones* earlier in the season, does a "turn about" and mellows in the role of Nat Miller, dodging intimate talks with his son and telling stories at dinner that he has told many times before. Fisher, as Nat, leaves you crumpled and delighted in one of the final scenes played with Jerry Longe, who portrays Richard, the amazingly adolescent teenager. O'Neill's reflection of himself, Longe becomes a stronger actor with each role that he plays and his versatility is also a point not to be overlooked. As Richard, he is most convincing.

Another performance that should be noted is that of Sherry Akselrod, a new-comer to the Parkway stage this season. Miss Akselrod, in her role as the soft-hearted but anxious mother, Essie Miller, possesses a

very nice warmth that immediately appeals to the audience.

Parkway Playhouse casts have a way of putting a reviewer "on the spot"--they are consistently good casts that turn in consistently good performances. John Fahnstock as Arthur, Liana Bar-Levav as Mildred and Kenny Woods as Tommy complete the Miller family in a manner that does great justice to O'Neill's recollection of his own youth and his family.

Other notable performances are by Jennie Daffron as Muriel, Pete McMahon as Muriel's father, Jonathan Jones as Sid Davis, Barbara Brown as Lily Miller, Phil Boyd as Wint, Mary Ellen Roberts as Belle, Karen Rose as Nora, Barry Schwartz as the bartender and David Hart as the salesman.

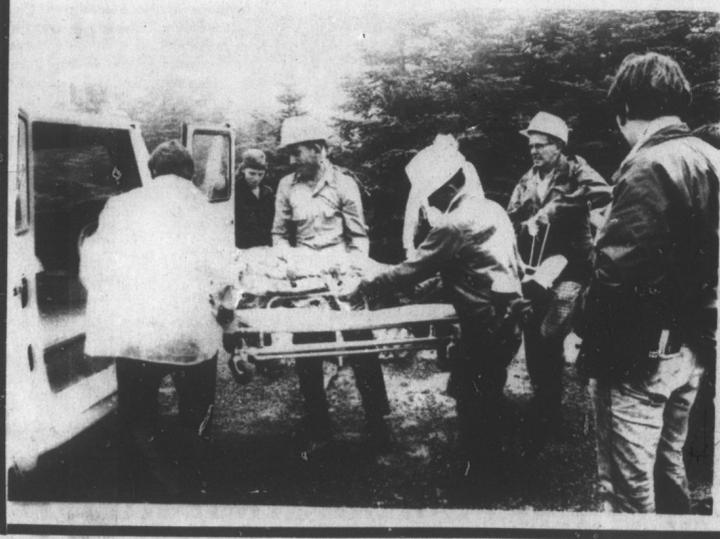
The settings--three of them--can be credited to Stephen Edelstein. His designs have authentically set the play in its proper time period and Michael Castania's lighting of the sets leaves nothing to be desired--they are both fine technicians

and artists. Costumes indicative of the early 20th Century and New England are by D. R. Edwards. Stage Manager for the production is Van Clemons.

Parkway Playhouse has done it again! It has presented a strong cast in a charming comedy by a top-flight playwright and has done it all in fine style. It's excellent entertainment for the entire family. And they'll most likely adhere to the same principles when they present the remainder of the season--*Arsenic And Old Lace*, July 31, August 1, 2, and 3 and the famous musical, *My Fair Lady*, which will open August 7 and run through August 10.

Get your tickets today for *Ah, Wilderness!* now playing at Parkway Playhouse. Visit the Playhouse Box Office or make your reservations by calling 682-6151.

Take the whole family to see *Ah, Wilderness!* playing at Parkway Playhouse through this Saturday evening, July 27. It will be a real treat for all the family.



Wildlife Commission Announces Seasons

The first half of this fall's split season on doves will open at noon on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, according to an announcement made in Raleigh today by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The first half of the split season on doves will last from September 2 through October 12, while the second half of the season will be from December 14 through January 11. Doves may be hunted each day--except Sundays--during these split seasons from noon until sunset.

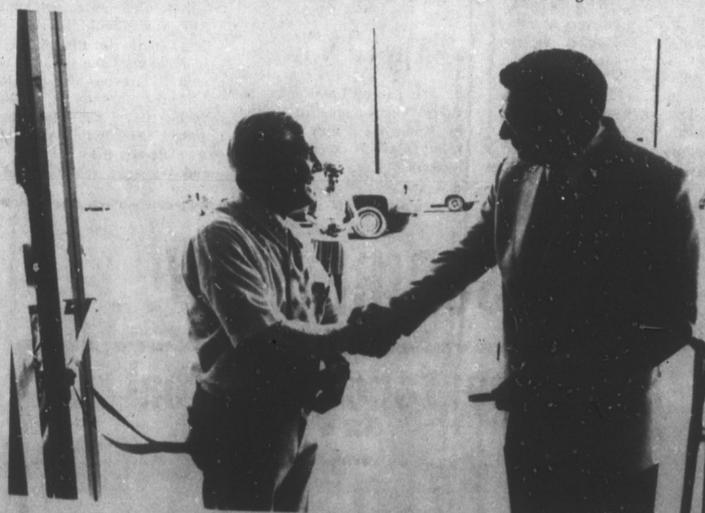
"Opening the season on a Monday represents a minor change from past recent seasons," said Frank Barick, chief of the Division of Game. "Last year, for example, we opened the season on a Saturday, but this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave us a framework that made Labor Day the best choice for an opening day. Since it's a holiday, it should work out fine."

As in recent years, the daily bag limit for doves will be 12, with a possession limit of 24.

The Wildlife Commission also adopted seasons on rails, gallinules, woodcock, common snipe and sea ducks from frameworks provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service (migratory gamebirds are Federally controlled).

The season on rails and gallinules will be from September 2 through November 9. The season on woodcock and common snipe will be from December 6 through February 8. The season on sea ducks will be from September 2 through December 17 with hunting restricted to the Atlantic Ocean and open water areas of Pamlico Sound prior to the opening of the season on other waterfowl.

For all the above species--except doves--the daily shooting hours (except Sundays) are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.



Grand Opening At True Value Hardware

True Value Hardware held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18, in the new Burnsville store located in Banks Family Square. Mr. Edward Leonard, owner of True Value Hardware, is pictured above with Mayor James Anglin who participated in the event. True Value, which specializes in paint produced in its own factories, carries Lawn and Garden Equipment, as well as tools and home supplies and almost every other necessary item for home decoration and maintenance. The store is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday.



Jim Fisher And Sherry Akselrod